

(Warren, OH) This afternoon, Congressman Tim Ryan, Senator Sherrod Brown, and ODOD Director Lisa Patt-McDaniel will discuss the impact of the International Trade Commission's recent ruling regarding Oil Country Tubular Goods imported from China. William Kerins, President of Wheatland Tube Co., and Roger Lindgren, President and COO of V&M Star Steel, will join the legislators to address the potential positive effects of this ruling on their local operations.

Regarding the decision, Congressman Ryan stated that, **“For years, our manufacturers have been fighting a flood of inferior Chinese products in the American market. The recent ITC decision regarding the placement of tariffs on steel pipe and its previous decision regarding rubber tires move us in the right direction toward leveling the playing field for local businesses including V&M Star and Wheatland Tube. Senator Brown and I will continue to work with the ITC and the Obama Administration to seek tariffs for other Chinese products that threaten to undermine the economic health of this nation.”**

Senator Brown added that, **“Trade enforcement means jobs. For too long, domestic manufacturers like Wheatland Tube and V&M Star faced an inexcusable flood of Chinese products made with unfair subsidies. By enforcing trade law, we will ensure a fair playing field and save jobs.”**

**WHO:** Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17), Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), and

Ohio Department of Development Director Lisa Patt-McDaniel

**WHAT:** Press conference regarding recent International Trade Commission

ruling re: tariffs on Oil Country Tubular Goods imported from China

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010 at 1:30 PM

**WHERE:** Wheatland Tube Co.

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